

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Richmond, April 22, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 48. }

I. The following Act of Congress having been duly approved by the President, is published for the information of all concerned:

" *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That any officer, non-commissioned officer or private now in the military service of the Confederate States, who has been elected or appointed since entering said service, or who may hereafter be elected or appointed a Senator or Representative in Congress, or in any State Legislature, or Judge of the Circuit, District or Superior Courts of Law or Equity in any State of the Confederacy, District Attorney, Clerk of any Court of Record, Sheriff, Ordinary, Judge of any Court of Probate, Collector of State Taxes (not to exceed one for each county) or Parish Recorder, upon furnishing the Secretary of War with evidence of such election or appointment, if an officer, his resignation shall be promptly accepted; and if a non-commissioned officer or private, he shall be honorably discharged by the Secretary of War." [Approved April 2d, 1863.]

II. The evidence required as to the elections referred to, will be a *certificate of the fact* from the clerk of the county or parish or other officer, whose duty it may be to certify to such elections, under the laws of the State, in manner and form required by said laws. This certificate must accompany the resignation, through the usual channel of communication, as prescribed in General Orders, No. 3, and the Army Regulations.

By order.

S. COOPER,  
*Adjutant and Inspector General.*